

**The Sumter Little Theatre Presents  
Arthur Miller's**

# **DEATH OF A SALESMAN**



**October 8-11 & 15-18, 2009**

**Directed by Eric Bultman**

## Cast

Willy Loman.....David R. Brown  
Linda.....Dee Renko  
Happy.....Cristian-Paul Badiu  
Biff.....Braden Bunch  
Bernard.....Chris Edge  
The Woman.....Heather Turner  
Charley.....Jeff Smith  
Uncle Ben.....Buzz Cornell  
Howard Wagner.....Michael Duffy  
Jenny.....Ann Beaty  
Stanley.....Booth Chilcutt  
Miss Forsythe.....Dora Mates  
Letta.....Katie Mettetal  
Waiter.....Mark Van Sickle

## Production Staff

Director.....Eric Bultman  
Stage Manager.....Angela Keller  
Set Design.....Michael Duffy  
Set Construction.....Carmela Bryan  
Kendall Van Sickle  
Mark Van Sickle  
Costumes.....Marge Cowles  
Properties.....Sylvia Pickell  
Light Design.....Trey Hobbs  
Light Technician.....Sumer Jarvis  
Sound Technician.....Michael Bacon  
Backstage Crew.....Kendall Van Sickle  
Mark Van Sickle  
Poster Design .....Sumer Jarvis  
Phil Lackey

## Cast Notes

**David R. Brown** (Willy) enjoys his work with SLT as an actor, director and Board member. In *Death of a Salesman*, David plays opposite most of his favorite SLT actors. Past roles include parts in *Fiddler on the Roof*, *A Christmas Story*, *To Kill a Mockingbird*, *On Golden Pond*, *Oliver*, *Driving Miss Daisy*, *A Christmas Carol*, *Greater Tuna* and more. He directed SLT productions of *Crimes of the Heart* and *A Bad Year for Tomatoes*. David wants to thank the loyal patrons of SLT, for they are the foundation upon which SLT has mounted decades of theatrical productions.

**Dee Renko** (Linda) is closing in on a 20 year association with the Sumter Little Theatre, first appearing in *Steel Magnolias* and most recently in *A Bad Year for Tomatoes* with many shows in between, such as *Moon Over Buffalo*, *On Golden Pond*, *The Three Musketeers*, *Driving Miss Daisy*, and *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*. Dee also served for six years on the Board of Directors. Before moving to Sumter Dee performed in community theater from Texas to Germany. She dedicates this show to her two children (who are NOTHING like Biff and Happy), Kelly, a costuming intern at The Orlando Shakespeare Theater, and Matthew, a dancer in New York City. "They keep me real."

**Cristian-Paul Badiu** (Happy) loves to temporarily borrow somebody else's environment... relationships... clothes... even words... He's happy to be Happy for you... hopefully that will make you happy

**Braden Bunch** (Biff) has appeared in several SLT productions over the past decade most recently as Stone in *Business of Murder*. Previous productions include *Don't Dress for Dinner*, *How the Other Half Loves*, and *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)*.

**Chris Edge** (Bernard) is an English teacher at Crestwood High School who is glad to grace the SLT stage once again. His last performance was as Hal in the 2005 production of *Proof*, which consequently allowed him to share stage time with Buzz and Heather. He would like to thank his wife of eight years, three year old daughter, and three month old son for allowing him to go "play."

**Heather Turner** (The Woman) has been performing with SLT off and on since the age of nine. In recent years she has appeared in SLT's productions of *A Christmas Story*, *Proof*, and *How the Other Half Loves*. In the past couple of seasons she has tried her hand at directing with SLT's children's productions of *Canterbury Tales* and *Henry and Ramona*. This season she is looking forward to directing an SLT favorite, *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*.

**Jeff Smith** (Charley) is a Theatre graduate of Winthrop University and has also studied at the University of South Carolina. Jeff has performed extensively at USC, Columbia College, Workshop and Town Theatres in Columbia and Village Square Theatre in Lexington. He recently appeared as Mansel Dean in Chapin Community Theatre's production of *Second Samuel*. This marks Jeff's first appearance on the SLT stage. This performance is lovingly dedicated to my wife and friend, Laura J.

**Buzz Cornell** (Uncle Ben) has been part of SLT productions for over 20 years. He says he loved playing Tevye in *Fiddler on the Roof* in August, and though he's playing a small role this time, he says he enjoys the "intensity of the part and of the whole play".

**Michael Duffy** (Howard Wagner) Michael has appeared in, directed, designed set, and lights for numerous SLT productions. His most recent appearance was as E.K. Hornbeck in *Inherit the Wind*.

**Ann Beaty** (Jenny) has been with SLT for 10 years and has performed many roles on and off stage. She has enjoyed being a part of such a great cast and playing Jenny.

**Booth Chilcutt** (Stanley) wants to thank SLT Director Eric Bultman for the opportunity to be part of such a talented cast.

**Dora Mates** (Miss Forsythe) is from Romania and came to the United States to teach special education students at Manning High School. She has experience both on stage and backstage at SLT

**Katie Mettetal** (Letta) studied theatre at Anderson University has plans to join the theatre program at USC Columbia in the spring. This is her second production with SLT and was cast previously in *Fiddler on the Roof*

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